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Disability Commission Minutes 12/17/03

ARLINGTON COMMISSION ON DISABILITY MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 17, 2003

Members Present: Barbara Cutler, Barbara Jones, Tom Boudreau, Lin Baker,
Joe Giurleo

Members Absent: Louis Krodel

Guest: Paolo Marinelli

New Business:

Paolo said the first meeting of the recently formed snow removal committee would be held at the Town Hall on December 18, 2003. Paolo said this meeting would primarily deal with issues involving snowplow operators. Barbara J. said that she would attend the meeting. Paolo said that the Town would begin during the spring of 2004 using Thermal Plastic applications in selected Town crosswalks.

Jack said that Alan resigned from the Commission on December 4, 2003. The Commission recognized Alan for his support and his many accomplishments while serving as a member of the Commission.

Tom recommended that Myra Berloff, Acting Director of the Massachusetts Office on Disability, be invited to a Commission Meeting in early 2004.

Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2003:

Barbara C. moved acceptance of the October 15, 2003 Meeting Minutes seconded by Lin.
SO VOTED

Old Business:

Walkway at Peirce School

Jack said that Castagna Construction, General Contractor, at the Peirce School has informed the Permanent Town Building Committee that the Town will need to apply for a variance with the argument that the walk way does not have enough run length to meet the requirement of one-in 20 for the actual height difference at the site or remove the walkway permanently at the Town's expense. Tom recommended that the Commission have an access monitor file a complaint regarding the walkway with the Architectural Access Board. Barbara C. said that the Commission would follow up on this issue at the February Meeting.

Legislative Update:

Barbara C. said that both Massachusetts Senators are supporting MICASSA legislation however the support from Massachusetts Congressman has been mixed. Barbara said that MICASSA would give people real choice in long term care options by ending institutional bias and giving control of the money to the individual.

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Jack said that TAC requested the opinion of the Disability Commission regarding parked cars at standing buss stops on Broadway. Barbara C. questioned if this was a disability issue. Commission members were in agreement that cars should not be allowed to park in standing buss stops.

Election of Officers:

Barbara Cutler was elected Chairperson, Lin Baker Vice Chairperson, and Barbara Jones Secretary. SO VOTED

Adjournment:

The Meeting adjourned at 6:05 P.M.